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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

In reply to the telephonic interview with the Examiner on October 9, 2002,

Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 1, 2, and 14-18 as follows.

1. (Amended) A hydrogel precursor composition comprising:

(a) a polymer comprising a water soluble polymer domain with at least two hydrophobic interacting groups attached thereto, wherein said hydrophobic interacting groups bind strongly to each other in an interchain manner to form a hydrogel under physiological conditions; and